

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 44 minutes a.m.) the House stood in recess until 12 noon.

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAYS) at 12 noon.

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#### PRAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Reverend Dr. Ronald F. Christian, Office of the Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

*The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them meat in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

Almighty God, the psalmist's recognition of his dependence upon You reminds us all of our constant need for Your grace and mercy.

So, we pray to You, O God, for daily bread and that all our needs will be met by Your gracious care.

We pray to You, O God, for health of body and strength of mind, so that all our efforts will serve Your will and thereby give aid to our neighbor who is in want.

We pray to You, O God, that the work of our hands and the decisions we render will make life better for those around us and for whom we must take some responsibility.

We pray to You, O God, that we will allow our souls to be fed by Your grace, so that we will always be more caring toward another's misfortune than accepting of glory for our own accomplishments.

And, we pray, that we may always live and demonstrate Your mercy in our family, in our workplace, and in our community, and in our Nation.

Indeed, the eyes of us all look to You, O Lord. Give us, we pray, our food in due season. Open Your hand, and satisfy our needs. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. SHAYS). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. KENNELLY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. KENNELLY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2126. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2126) "An Act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. HARKIN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1295(b) of title 46, United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. BREAUX, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Mr. INOUE, at large, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

#### DEATH OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN JAMIE WHITTEN

(Mr. BEVILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Democratic leadership and the Mississippi congressional delegation, it is my sad duty to report the death of our former colleague, Jamie Whitten, on Saturday in Oxford, Mississippi.

As you know, Jamie was the dean of the House of Representatives until his retirement last year, after 53 years in the House. He had the longest record of service of any Member in the history of our country.

Jamie served as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee for 13 years and as chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee for more than 40 years. He had a tremendous influence on the Nation's agricultural policy and was known as the Permanent Secretary of Agriculture.

He was sitting in this Chamber when President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his "Day of Infamy" speech following the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. For more than half a century, Jamie faithfully and effectively served his Mississippi constituents and his country. His record was a remarkable achievement which will probably never be broken.

Jamie and his wife Rebecca were totally dedicated to public service and

especially devoted to their beloved home State of Mississippi. Our Nation has lost one of its most loyal and effective leaders, but Jamie's contributions will always be remembered.

#### IN HONOR OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN JAMIE WHITTEN

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I too join with our colleagues on the Democrat side of the aisle on behalf of Republicans in the House to mourn the death of our good friend, Jamie Whitten.

Mr. Speaker, Jamie did serve in the House for some 53 years and was an example to all of the Members of this House on both sides of the aisle about how to be a statesman. His influence in agricultural policy over those 53 years was, without question, substantial. And without question, for 53 years, Mr. Whitten had the most influence over agricultural policy in this country. Today, we mourn his death and say prayers for him and his family.

#### SUPPORT STUDENT AID, SUPPORT OUR FUTURE

(Mrs. KENNELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, education of our young people of America is the best chance for a bright future for our great Nation. However, in these tough economic times many families cannot afford to send their children to postsecondary school. The rising cost of education and proposals to cut funding for students loans will only close the doors of colleges and universities to many fine young people indeed.

The current proposal to eliminate the in-school interest subsidy for Stafford Loans is a dramatic turn in education policy. Last year alone over four million students benefited from in-school interest subsidies. This interest subsidy is essential to ensuring choice and access for higher education. The main goal of the Higher Education Act of 1965 was to reduce financial barriers to access and choice in postsecondary education. Subsidized loans have always had a role in achieving this goal.

Money should not be the determining factor for who attends colleges and universities. Let's support student aid, let's support our future.

#### JUDGE ITO: MOST OUT OF TOUCH JUDICIAL BUREAUCRAT

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, much has been said about the O.J. Simpson trial,

but little has been said about the manner in which Judge Ito has presided. It has reminded many observers of a circus rather than a courtroom. This is inexcusable.

Mr. Speaker, this presents yet another example of a judge oblivious to the significance of taxpayers' resources. The Simpson trial has been extremely costly to the taxpayers and should have been concluded months ago.

I am not suggesting that the rights of all parties should not be protected and preserved. I am not suggesting that parties to litigation should be forced to compromise. I am suggesting, however, that a trial should proceed in a timely fashion, and it is the judge's duty to assure this conclusion.

Judge Ito deserves no high marks for his performance and I nominate him as 1995's most out of touch judicial bureaucrat who obviously has no appreciation for cost effectiveness at the courthouse.

#### FBI MUST ANSWER FOR RUBY RIDGE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, this ordeal at Ruby Ridge continues to amaze me. FBI sniper Lon Horiuchi, who shot and killed Vicki Weaver, unarmed holding her infant child, now says he will not testify at congressional hearings because the lawyers for Lon Horiuchi say they do not like the questions that will be answered.

Mr. Speaker, what is going on here? No American should be deprived life, liberty, and pursuit of property. Where was the Miranda? Where was the due process? Where were the arraignments?

Now the FBI is saying these are great mistakes. These are not just great mistakes. I say there was murder on Ruby Ridge. The FBI has to answer for those murders and for the power and arrogance of the Federal Government that trampled over citizens, then called them mistakes and will not testify because they do not like the questions.

Shame Congress. Take the Government back.

#### SUPPORT H.R. 1594 AND RESTORE SECURITY TO OUR PENSION SYSTEM

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, today, we take up legislation on the floor to protect the pensions of millions of Americans.

President Clinton has directed that all government pension plans invest in fiscally risky but politically correct investments.

He has done so for the obvious reason for helping his misguided left-wing agenda.

But let me ask a very direct question: What is more important, political correctness or pension security?

In my mind, we need to insure that the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation invests with only one interest: keeping the pension system secure.

If some Americans want to risk their money in politically correct investments, that is their decision. But it should not be by direction of the President, and it should not be done with the pensions of Americans who rely on them for their livelihoods.

Mr. Speaker, the President should keep his hands off these pensions. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1594, which will reverse the Clinton Executive order, and restore security to our pension system.

#### WE MUST INVEST IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Mr. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, while the cost of a college education is rapidly increasing, some Members on the other side of the aisle would like to cut student loan funding. The majority's plans would significantly raise the cost of student loans by changing the way loan interest is calculated, capping Pell Grants, and eliminating the Direct Student Loan Program.

Mr. Speaker, many American families will find that they have been priced out of a college education by these changes and many students will find that the assistance they were depending on is simply not going to be there.

The new leadership once championed giving every student a PC. I will do one better. How about giving every student an opportunity for a college degree so that they can use that PC, rather than just play solitaire? We invest in roads, bridges, and infrastructure. We must also invest in our young people.

#### CONGRESS MUST STOP THE RAIDING OF AMERICA'S PENSION FUNDS

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, while the Republican-led Congress continues on the path to becoming the most successful Congress in history, the Clinton administration continues to come up with new and interesting ways of robbing Peter to pay for liberal social programs for Paul. The latest effort by the administration has come in the form of ETI's.

Mr. Speaker, ETI stands for "economically targeted investment" and is designed to promote the investment of private pension funds into liberal social projects. ETI's are a disaster for working men and women who want

their retirement savings to be invested wisely. Once again, the liberals believe that they know what is best for the American people and they intend to force that belief on us all in any way they can.

Today, the House will debate legislation to combat this destructive and intrusive plan. The working people of America are counting on our help to stop this senseless raiding of their pensions.

#### CHIRAC, CHIRAC, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier to my colleagues and to the American people, the French Government has already exploded 164 nuclear bombs in the atmosphere and under the Mururoa Atoll in French Polynesia, in the South Pacific.

Mr. Speaker, first French officials said the tremendous amount of nuclear contamination contained in this atoll should be contained for 1,000 years. Now, these same French officials are saying it may be 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, the consensus now among the scientists is that Mururoa Atoll will collapse within 10 to 50 years. Mr. Speaker, the contamination contained in this atoll is equivalent to several Chernobyls in the Ukraine.

Mr. Speaker, I was arrested for 16 hours on the Greenpeace ship the *Rainbow Warrior II*, and I wrote these verses to describe the crisis in the South Pacific:

You appear in a cloud, like a flash from the West that blinds our vision. From Tahiti Nui, from the Tuamotus, Mangareva, Tubuai, Bora-Bora, Raiatea, Huahine, Tahaa, NukuHiva, Tureia, Mururoa and Fangataufa.

Like poisoned fish that float aimlessly from fissured reefs, death moves slowly toward the people from the sun until it is too late.

Chirac, Chirac, what have you done?

#### STOP THE CLINTON PENSION GRAB

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, investment of pension funds into economically targeted investments, or ETI's, is another questionable plan advocated by the Clinton administration to get its hands on more of the citizens' hard-earned money. This policy would divert pension funds away from financially sound investments into politically correct investments.

The Democrats have absolutely no plan to save Medicare from bankruptcy and now the administration wants to jeopardize the hard-earned pensions of millions of American seniors and at the American people's financial expense, \$1